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1 Section, 16 Pages Plus 3 Adv. Inserts

## City of Elba passes ordinance controlling the legal sale of alcoholic beverages

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council took a break last Monday evening to

comply with the wishes of a majority of Elba voters when it rescinded the local ordinance that bans the sale of alcohol in the City of Elba.

At the same meeting the council adopted an extensive ordinance allowing the sale of and at the same time regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The new ordinance sets guidelines to control both on premise and off-premise sales. The cost of business licenses for anyone wanting to sell alcohol is also spelled out in this new ordinance.

Mayor James Grimes said he and the City Attorney reviewed similar ordinances from several towns and tried to pick the better parts from each city's ordinance.

He added that they could make any necessary changes as needed once the city gets into working with the new ordinance.

A distance of 175 feet from the main entrance of any church, school, day care, funeral home, playground or public recreation facility is required for an establishment for beer or wine for off-premise retail sale.

The distance is 500 feet from the same above mentioned places for off-premise sale of alcoholic beverages other than beer and wine.

Hours of sale for all alcoholic beverages are from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., except there are no legal sales on Sundays. No license is allowed to offer curb service sales of any alcoholic beverages.

Alcoholic beverages sold for off-premise consumption must

be contained in a bag in order to conceal the bottles, cans, carton or container.

There is a section in the new ordinance which prohibits nudity in establishments dealing in alcoholic beverages.

Monthly bills totaling \$20,751.20 were approved for payment. This included \$2,532.64 for election supplies on the wet-dry election; \$1,874.47 on vehicle and equipment repair; \$495.51 for asphalt mix; \$7,857.30 for two police car cameras and \$895.00 for a police car radar.

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## Humanity builds the dream of one Elba family

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Christmas is just around the corner, and it seemed only fitting Sunday, Dec. 8, that Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County held a dedication ceremony in honor of the Olean Smith Family home.

Construction has been underway for nearly a year, but Sunday afternoon outside the recently finished home Smith received one of the biggest Christmas presents she has ever gotten: the keys to her new home. This presentation came just one day shy of the one year anniversary of the groundbreaking ceremony for the home.

"Dear friends, we have gathered together to seek God's blessing upon this home which by the grace of God and human labor has been made ready for this family," said Billy Cotter, president of Habitat for

Humanity of Coffee County. "The home is not only a dwelling but a symbol to us of God's love manifested through the efforts of many people and the family that will make this house a home."

Time and time again the mission of Habitat for Humanity has been stated to be the elimination of sub-standard housing in the world one house at a time, and it provides an opportunity for someone to become a homeowner when they otherwise would not be able to do so.

Smith, a single-parent grandmother raising two of her grandchildren, was chosen as the recipient of the home following a very extensive application and screening process.

"Habitat for Humanity International has set before us a vision and a model to bring hope to others," Cotter said. "In spite of difficulties, we kept before us this vision that has been completed in this home today."

To be successful in their mission, Habitat for Humanity board members will admit they rely strongly on the community for donations of money and labor. On Sunday, these board members had nothing but praise for those who have helped make the dream of the Olean Smith home become a reality.

Cotter especially offered thanks to the City of Elba for its help with the process especially the donation of the land in which the home was built.

In regards to others who worked to complete this project, board member Beverly Inman said Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County thanks each and every one for the many hours of planning and sweat that has made this home possible.

"Because of your commitment, this family is given a hope for the future in a new way," Inman said. "Thank you for that hope!"

The Olean Smith home became the second home to be completed and dedicated Sunday by Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County. The first home was completed in Enterprise, and the board plans to continue its goal of

eliminating sub-standard housing in the area.

However, each member wanted to take a few minutes Sunday to enjoy the happiness brought by the completion of the Smith home.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this house, a gift from God," said board member Daniel Stephens.

After all, the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County is to build and renovate houses so there are decent homes in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all that God intended.

"You all have made me so happy," Smith said after receiving the keys to her home. "I'm so nervous right now and so blessed!"

Board member Jim Nichols presented Olean Smith with a book with pictures and other memories from the construction of the Habitat home.

Local colleges set for mergers

Alabama College System Chancellor Roy W. Johnson is initiating a process that will merge Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College with MacArthur State Technical College and Enterprise State Junior College with the Ozark campus of Wallace Community College-Douglas.

The mergers will form Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and Enterprise-Ozark Community College, providing comprehensive community colleges that will be focal points for meeting the needs of students, businesses and industry. The mergers will consist of administrative consolidations to be followed by programmatic consolidations. The mergers will eliminate junior colleges from the Alabama College System, leaving only comprehensive community colleges and technical colleges.

The process of the two mergers begins today, Thursday, Dec. 12, when Johnson will ask the Alabama State Board of Education to approve Statements of Intent to Merge. The Statements outline the requirements and timelines for the mergers. Johnson will be holding at least two public meetings in the service areas of the affected colleges. Those meetings will be announced in advance.

The Alabama State Board of Education is required to render final approval to complete the mergers, but that will not happen until the administrative and programmatic consolidations are completed. Administrative mergers are expected to be completed by June 1, 2003, followed by programmatic mergers by Sept. 1, 2003.

"These mergers will result in three comprehensive community colleges."

Please See MERGE, Page 3

Several Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County board members were onhand Sunday, Dec. 15, when Olean Smith received the keys to her new home. Smith is the second Coffee County recipient of a Habitat home. Those pictured include (from left): Beverly Inman, Rev. John Belcher, Jim Nichols, Billy Cotter, Olean Smith, Daniel Stephens and Helen Crittenden.

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Tallas also said he has ordered two more sirens which will allow him to put one in the Tri-Communities area and one in the Goodman community.

As for 2003, he said plans are to order two more outdoor sirens to allow one to be placed in the Basin community and one in the Pine Level community.

The county's maintenance supervisor, Phil Rugg, informed commissioners of a continued problem with the drainage at the county jail in which he said someone is flushing bed sheets, towels, etc. into the system to stop it up.

Before moving on, Commissioner Jim Thompson confirmed with Tindell that he will have an additional crew working on other roads at the same time County Rd. 359 is being paved.

In other business, the commission:

\*Approved a credit application at the county landfill for GM Roofing Inc. of Coffee Springs.

\*Approved a motion to purchase an adjoining piece of property for the Senior Citizen Center in the Ino community. The motion was made by Stephens, and he said the people of the community will pay the county back for the purchase of the land.

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## Coffee County receives grant for paving of County Road 359

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted its business quickly Monday morning, Dec. 9, during its regular monthly meeting with only a few matters being brought up for discussion.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), addressed the commission with an EMA update. Tallas covered several issues including a Department of Justice grant program, homeland security, a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan and disaster warning systems.

In regards to the warning systems, Tallas had news of increased numbers for the county.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

All the jokes and other funnies about Elba and the newly legalized sale of alcohol have now become history. . . . Monday night the city council officially passed an ordinance addressing the issue. With it being published in this issue of The Elba Clipper, the sale of the various forms of alcohol is legal. That is assuming you are not close to a school, church, playground or daycare, your nose is squeaky clean, etc., and you have the proper state, county and city licenses! If you have any questions about the new law, just read the main ordinance on pages 12 and 13. . . . all the many thousands of words in it! If you find a misspelled word . . . don't blame us. However, if your word count differs from ours, that will be grounds for an argument, we are a little cocky about the accuracy of our counting!

Change is something that happens. The older a human gets, the more resistance there is to these changes. There is one change which will happen sooner or later at the Elba courthouse which will get many folks up in arms. In order to have reasonable security at the facility, three of the four entrance doors will be closed and locked. The open one will be home to the human guards and the fancy machine which finds all the guns and knives, etc. hidden in pockets, jackets and such places. Again, many of us oldtimers will grumble, but that is one of the prices society has to pay to keep the nastiest ones among us from taking everyone in sight. . . . either get revenge for some injustice (real or perceived) or because they think it will solve their legal or emotional problems.

The 4-laning of U. S. 84 is a step closer to completion. The public hearing Tuesday evening on the section from about the East Elba city limits over to the New Brockton section of the project will have the work ongoing on both sides of Elba. If anyone has any doubt about this road becoming a reality, all they need to do is drive from Elba to Opp on 84. Once a motorist gets to the Curtis Community, the 4-laning work becomes very, very evident. . . . sometimes on the left side of the existing highway and at other times on the right side of the highway. But it is happening.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 2, 2002, through December 8, 2002. They were: Tanya Chauncey, Dorothy Johnson, Abigail Wood, Samoyah Oliver, J'lyn Cole, Marquita Burks, Helen Russell, L.F. Capps and Pearl

Williams. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Dewees Falls, Robert Whatley, Joshua Caldwell, Sam Oliver, Dorothy Johnson, Jeff Boutwell, Marquita Burks, Myrice Guy, Abigail Wood, Tanya Chauncey, J'lyn Cole, Helen Russell and L.F. Capps.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, investigated the following incidents:

one trespassing, one forgery, one criminal trespassing, one theft of property, one unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one harassment, one domestic violence and one burglary.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for distribution of a controlled substance, two for criminal trespassing and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: thirteen for speeding, three for no proof of insurance, eight for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for a switched tag, seven for no insurance, one for an expired tag, two for violation of the child restraint law and two for driving with no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
Coffee County EMS dispatched to 433 Hwy. 141 (3:18 a.m.); River stage - 6.06 feet (6:53 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
River stage - 6.03 feet (6:33 a.m.); Routine activity.

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• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m.-City Hall  
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall  
• **CHIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Magie Garrett Classroom  
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
• **LEONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office  
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• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room  
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## MERGE

(Continued from Page One)

ly colleges serving southeast Alabama, and will allow The Alabama College System to provide expanded and more strategic educational services in the Wiregrass," Johnson said. "The two mergers will allow more than \$1.7 million to be redirected toward instructional programs."

Employees of the colleges involved in the mergers will become employees of the merged colleges. They will not lose seniority, retirement, tenure or other employment benefits.

Students currently enrolled in the affected colleges will be

allowed to complete their programs of study under the same terms and conditions they received when they enrolled. The merged colleges will maintain existing accreditations, and the Alabama State Board of Education's policy on mergers requires approval from accrediting agencies and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

The merger between LBW Junior College in Andalusia and MacArthur State Technical College in Opp, which are located 14 miles apart in Covington County, is expected to result in

approximately \$899,000 per year that can be redirected into instructional programs.

The merger between Enterprise State Junior College and the Ozark campus of Wallace-Dothan is expected to redirect approximately \$820,000 into instructional programs. Enterprise-Ozark Community College will work closely with the military and expand educational programs in aviation and flight. The merged college will also seek new relationships with job providers in the aviation and flight industry.

## State Parks offer opportunity to Observe Eagles

Lake Guntersville and Joe Wheeler state parks will host Eagle Awareness 2003 in January. This annual event, which is open to the public, is held on weekends throughout the month. It is an opportunity to observe and study our magnificent national symbol, the bald eagle.

Eagle Awareness was selected as one of the Southeast Tourism Society's top 20 events for January and February. The event will include a field trip to view eagles leaving the roost site, field trips to view eagles during the day and a bird seminar.

From 1985 through 1991, young bald eagles were hatched and released each spring through the Alabama Nongame Wildlife Program in an effort to restore a nesting population of a person to develop protective antibodies.

Even though the use of influenza vaccine has increased in Alabama as well as the United States in recent years, immunization rates for influenza remain low, and illness and death from the disease remain high. On average, 20,000 people die each year in the United States from complications associated with influenza.

County health departments in Alabama will continue administering influenza vaccine in clinics through the end of influenza season while supplies last. A schedule of influenza clinics can be accessed on the Alabama Department of Public Health Web site at [www.adph.org/immunization](http://www.adph.org/immunization).

For more information about influenza, contact your local county health department or personal physician.

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## Obituaries

## D.W. CORDLE

Mr. D.W. Cordle, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died Dec. 2, 2002 in the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002 with Rev. Cecil Cordle and Rev. Shirley Hatcher officiating. Burial followed in the Old Tabernacle Church Cemetery, New Brockton, Ala.

Survivors include his wife Sue Bell Cordle, Enterprise, Ala.; one son, Henion Cordle, Jack, Ala.; one daughter, Vonelle Hicks, Seale, Ala.; one brother, Robert Cordle, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ken Harrison officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

Survivors include three daughters: Linda Henderson, Huntsville, Ala.; Foyine Rudd, Enterprise, Fla.; Foyine Scumelle, Elba; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

VICK E. WATSON

Mr. Vick E. Watson, age 94,

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home

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## Hammond Funeral Home

Funeral services were held Nov. 30, 2002 at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Opp, Ala., with Johnny Lawrence officiating. The burial followed at Piney Grove Church Cemetery in Opp, Ala. with

Survivors include two sons, Joe (Barbara) Watson and J.W. (Lula) Lindsey; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## December happenings at The Elba United Methodist Church

On Sunday evening, December 15, the Children's Choirs will present their Christmas musical "Meet Me at the Manager". This event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Children's Choir & the Youth Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Melinda Vaughan.

The Chancel Choir will present their special music during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.

The Chancel Choir is under the direction of Mr. Tommy Newman, pianist is Mrs. Nancy Brunson. Organist is Mrs. Pam

## Benefit Turkey and Skeeet Shoot planned for Saturday, December 14, at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Benefit Turkey and Skeeet Shoot will be held Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church (Co. Rd. 239). Proceeds will go to benefit the needy and unemployed persons in the community. Prizes will be awarded to winners, and trophies to the top two skeet shooters. Barbecue sandwiches and drinks will be available for purchase during the events.

## Time to register for Spring Semester at ESJC

Now Enterprise State Junior College students can register for classes on the internet. An interested student who has been admitted to the college, has received a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the counselor, or he or she may register for the upcoming spring semester at the ESJC website. The 2003 Spring Semester Class Schedule and

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**Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-18**

Thinking of you, praying for you. Versie Barnes, Lovie Hooks, The Belcher, Davis, Caldwell and Young families, Lizzie Tyson, Wallace Belcher, Leo Henderson, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Johnnie M. Daniels, Lonzo Cook, Lance Cross, Annie M. Daniels, Carey Lindsey, Ruth Belcher, Johnnie Ruth Belcher and Rev. Charles Lane.

\*\*\*December Birthdays: Gladys Yelverton - December 8; Clara Wright - December 10; Cory Howe - December 10; Rashandra Wright - December 12; Julie Phillips - December 13; Moses Rodgers - December 15; and Alice Muri Folmar - December 15.

\*\*\*Annual Christmas Program, Order of the Eastern Star, Holland Beauty Chapter #619, will be held at Lily Hill Baptist Church in Brundidge, Ala. on December 20, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*"Youth Gospel Explosion" will be held at Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Elba, Ala. Classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th, 2002. On Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. There will be a mini gospel choir workshop. The concert will be Saturday night. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\*A benefit program for Rev. H.D. Williams will be held at Perry Recreation Center in Ozark, Ala. on Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. All choirs, soloists, quartets, ministers, family, and friends are invited to help support this event.

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Also there is a drop box in front of Dr. M.V. Miles' office at 425 W. Davis St., open 24 hours a day, where glasses may be deposited.

## Church Directory

<b>ANAPTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Danny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Bro. Ashley Faulk-Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.	<b>MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.
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## Children & Youth Ministry to present Christmas drama at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

"Do You See What I See", a Christmas drama, will be presented by the Children & Youth Ministry of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, on Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m. Special musical selections will be performed by Tiffany Bass, Benjamin Dye,

## Westside Baptist Christmas Cantata planned for Sunday, December 14

Westside Baptist Church will present their Christmas Cantata on Dec. 14, at 7 p.m., and Dec. 15, at 6 p.m.

## The Blackwoods to be in concert Dec. 20-21

The Blackwoods will be performing December 20 at the Community Center in Eufaula at 7:30 p.m. located at Eufaula Community College. The concert is being sponsored by Cho Community Church.

The Blackwoods consist of the Blackwood Quartet and the Blackwood Singers (mixed group).

For more information call Vanessa Tracy, (334) 397-2025.

## CenturyTel, Elba is in process of developing The Opportunity Pages

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LITTLE MISS CHRISTMAS Winner: Brinley Williams, 1st runner up: Sara Laken Bryan, and 2nd runner up: Vanessa Maywood.



PETITE MISS CHRISTMAS Winner: Madelyn Kelley, 1st runner up: Kaleyln Fillingim, and 2nd runner up: Sara Brance Moore.



TINY TOT CHRISTMAS Winner: Sara Bryson Prescott, 1st runner up: Haley Nicole Parrish, and 2nd runner up: Suzanne Tess Hathaway.



BABY CHRISTMAS WINNER: Francis Brayton Martin, 1st runner up: Journee Odian, and 2nd runner up: Kelsey Sanders.

## WCC offers nursing assistant training program

Wallace Community College is offering a nursing assistant program through its department of corporate and continuing education during the month of February. The course will be held weekdays February 4-27, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the continuing education building of the Wallace Campus in Dothan. Tuition is \$500, and includes a textbook and lab manual. Other expenses include the purchase of two scrub tops and the state board exam fee of \$80.

This 18-day course prepares participants for the state certified nursing assistant exam. Jobs are readily available in the Wiregrass area for certified nursing assistants. Upon passing the state exam, graduates are certified and placed on the Alabama state registry as a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

For more information or to register, contact Pat Byrne at Glenda Wood at 334/983-3521, ext. 2345 or 2343. The college will be closed for the holidays from December 23, 2002, through January 1, 2003.

## UA to host Slashing Utility Costs in 2003 Seminar

The University of Alabama College of Continuing Studies presents the Slashing Utility Costs in 2003 seminar. This seminar will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25-26, 2003 at the Bryant Conference Center on The University of Alabama campus.

This seminar is designed for owners, executives, managers, and engineers who want to significantly reduce utility costs. A technical background is not necessary to benefit from this seminar. Participants will learn how to reduce utility bills, potentially without reducing energy usage and without investing a bundle in up-front costs.

John Studebaker, Ph.D., will lead this seminar. He offers seminar participants a valuable combination of technical expertise and knowledge developed over a 30-year span of industrial and consulting experience.

For more information about this program, contact Tom Wingenter in the College of Continuing Studies at (205) 348-6224, or visit our website at <http://hyperlink> <http://pndp.ccs.ua.edu/> or <http://pndp.ccs.ua.edu>. To register, contact Registration Services, College of Continuing Studies, The University of Alabama, at (205) 348-3000.

## Elba's Tour of Homes scheduled for December 15

As the Christmas season continues to shine in Elba, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2-4 p.m.

The homes listed on this year's tour include: Dr. and Mrs. Lance K. Dyess, 1668 N. Claxton Ave., Elba, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Flowers, 2529 Hickman Ave., Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amson, 678 County Rd. 400, Elba; and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Marler, 1589 Forest Lake Dr., Elba.

Please make plans now to join us for our tour as we highlight some of Elba's most beautiful homes.

Tickets are available at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office for \$5.00. For more information, call the chamber at 897-3125.

## ESJC suggests good gift idea

A great Christmas gift idea would be college tuition for your special student to attend Enterprise State Junior College' Spring Semester classes will begin January 13. Call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 today to find out what you need to do to assist your ESJC student financially for a great gift under your tree.

## American Sign Language classes being offered in Dothan

American Sign Language I, II and III classes will be offered every Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Feb. 24, 2003, 6 - 8 p.m. at Dothan Regional Center, 111 Medical Dr., Dothan.

Class fee is \$40 per person, and students must purchase their textbook.

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Last day for registration is Jan. 3, 2003.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Elba's Tour of Homes opens four households to the public this Sunday

The City of Elba will continue its Christmas season celebration this weekend as the Elba Chamber of Commerce hosts a holiday Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2-4 p.m.

This year, four Elba households have agreed to open their beautifully decorated homes for the public to view and admire during this treasured holiday event, and they include: Dr. and Mrs. Lance

K. Dyess, 1668 N. Claxton Ave. (Brantley Highway), Elba, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Flowers, 2529 Hickman Ave., Elba, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amison, 678 County Rd. 400 (Airport Road), Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Marler, 1589 Forest Lake Dr., Elba.

The tour promises to be very memorable as the chamber highlights these beautiful homes which will serve as the ambassa-

dors of "Christmas in Elba." So, make plans now to join the chamber for its holiday Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 2-4 p.m. Tickets for the event cost \$5.00 and are available at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Denise's Hair and Nail Salon, the Briar Patch and Bradley's Florist. Tickets may also be purchased at the homes on the day of the event. For more information, call the

Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amison



Home of Dr. and Mrs. Lance K. Dyess



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Flowers



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Marler

## New Books at the Elba Public Library

### ADULT LARGE PRINT:

Andrews, V.C. - Falling Stars  
Andrews, V.C. - Honey  
Bedford, Deborah - A Morning Like This  
Brown, Sandra - The Crush  
Cookson, Catherine - The Silent Lady  
Coulter, Catherine - The Aristocrat  
Coulter, Catherine - Afterglow  
Dailey, Janet - Green Calder Grass  
Dailey, Janet - Sonora Sundown  
Dailey, Janet - A Land Called Deseret  
Delinsky, Barbara - First, Best and Only  
Deveraux, Jude - The Mulberry Tree  
Fielding, Joy - Whispers and Lies  
Geritsen, Tess - The Apprentice  
Geritsen, Tess - Keeper of the Bride  
Graham, Heather - Night of the Blackbird  
Hitchcock, Jane S. - Social Crimes  
Krentz, Jayne Ann - A Woman's Touch  
Krentz, Jayne Ann - The Waiting Game  
Lee, Chang - Rae - A Gesture Life  
Lemann, Nancy - Malaise  
Lowell, Elizabeth - Warrior  
Martin, Kat - The Fire Inside  
Michaels, Kasey - Maggie Needs an Alibi  
Palmer, Diana - Heather's Song  
Palmer, Diana - The Texas Ranger  
Pearl, Jane - Autumn Encore  
Phillips, Carly - The Bachelor  
Quinn, Julia - Romancing Mister Bridgerton  
Roberts, Nora - The Hearts Victory  
Roberts, Nora - Heaven and Earth  
Roberts, Nora - The Right Path  
Snelling, Lauraine - The Weaver's Song  
Stanton, LaVida - Sweet Memories

### ADULT FICTION:

Brown, Sandra - The Rana Look  
Deinemann, Peter T. - Darkside  
Lindsey, Johanna - Prisoner of My Desire  
Truman, Margaret - Murder at Ford's Theatre



Claudine Parker, age 86, recently was named New Brockton Senior Citizen Queen by her peers. Parker represented the Sr. Center by riding its float last Saturday, Dec. 7, in the New Brockton Christmas parade.

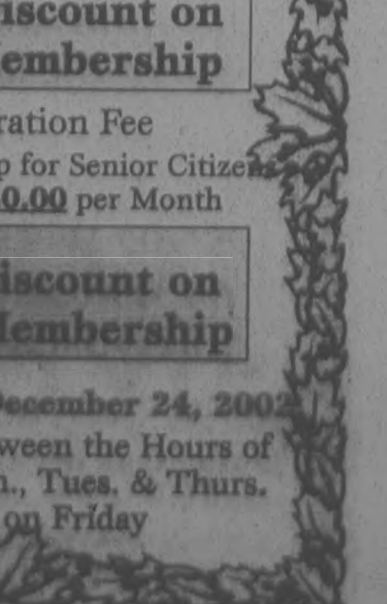
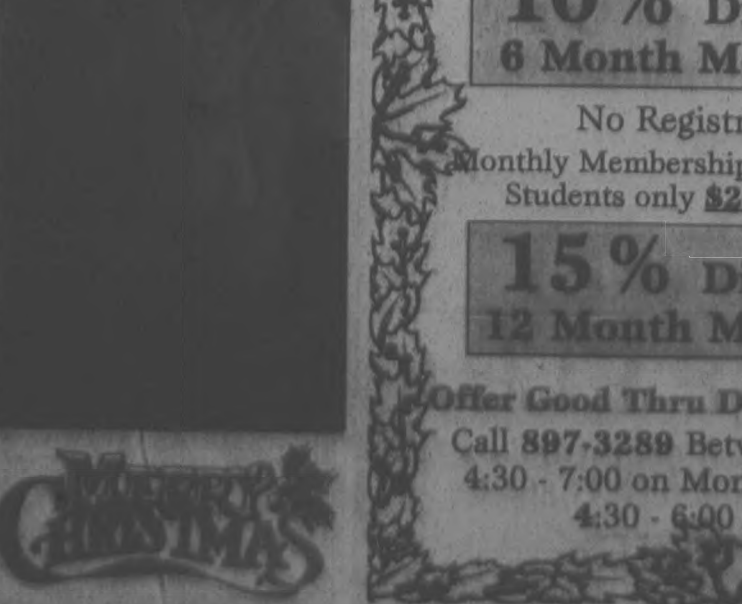
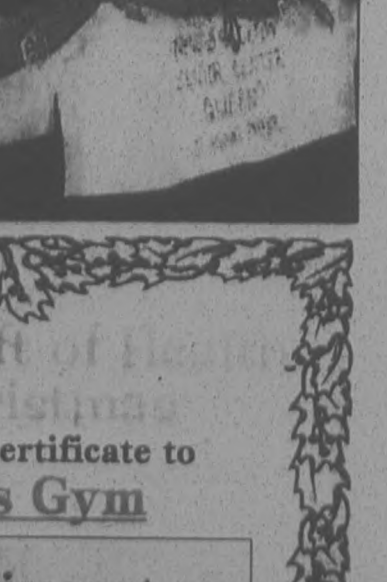
## Local resident gaining reputation as photographer

Chris Armstrong, an Elba resident, is gaining a reputation as a photographer.

His photos have been featured in two issues of Outdoor Alabama and the 2003 calendar which is part of the December issue. In the Fall 2001 issue, his photos of lightning were featured on the cover of the magazine and included with an article on bowing safety during bad weather. In the October 2002 issue, his pictures of fox squirrels were printed with an article about these animals. In the December 2002 issue, his photo of an alligator is the featured calendar picture for September 2003.

Chris is a 1990 graduate of Elba High School and is pursuing a degree in forestry technology at Lurleen B. Wallace Jr. College in Andalusia.

## New Brockton celebrates "Christmas Around Town"



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## SPORTS

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By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The time has come for Mom and Dad to do some Christmas shopping, but the problem is that every time we head out the girls want to join us. If we were going to the grocery store or just heading out for a ride they wouldn't even think of going with us. However, now that the holiday season is here it seems they want to make certain they don't let us out of their sight. Maybe one day they will follow us to the laundry room!

## PASSING THOUGHTS ON A BUSY WEEK IN SPORTS...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers opened the basketball season last week and after three games the Tigers stand at 0-3. Elba pulled good enough on defense to win in all three games, but the Tigers have yet to find their shooting touch from the outside and it showed as they averaged less than 44 points a game in the three losses. Probably their best outing of the week came Friday night over in New Brockton where the Tigers rallied from fifteen points down to grab the lead midway through the fourth quarter. The Tigers were without the services of three starters and were forced to play three freshmen throughout the game, but the young Tigers never backed down from the challenge and almost led the way back to what would have been an unbelievable win. Elba's going to struggle to get better. However, Coach Bledsoe is doing things the right way and his youngsters will get better and better as they gain experience.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers defeated New Brockton on Saturday night for their first win of the season and it was a very good win for the youthful bunch of Lady Tigers. Elba starts two seniors and gets a lot of quality time from both, but the team gets very young, very quickly after that, and it is fun watching the girls gain confidence as they gain experience. The Lady Tigers love to shoot from behind the three-point line and love to run up and down the court, and win or lose they always give it all they have.

\*\*\* Possibly the surprise teams of the early season are the New Brockton Gamecocks and the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. The Gamecocks struggled to three wins seasons the last two years and were given up for dead, but Coach Brad Garner has led his team to four wins already on the season and the Gamecocks have depth and more than enough talent to win their share of games. These guys have a real shot at posting a winning record! Down in Kinston Coach Keith Smith has guided his Lady Bulldogs to four straight wins and a tourney title, and this season the Kinston fans get at the gym early to watch the girls play. The Lady Bulldogs may not be the most talented team around, but they play hard on both ends of the court and play like they expect to win every time they hit the court. The girls from Kinston made it to the region playoffs last season and are back again.

\*\*\* The 20th annual Dothan Progress/Dothan Eagle Prep Holiday Classic will tip off on Dec. 26-31 at the Dothan Civic Center and this year the Elba Tigers will join in on the fun at the annual event that benefits the area schools and gives the fans a chance to see some of the top high school players in the area compete. Last year the sixteen schools taking part split over \$34,000 in ticket sales from the event, and with a very competitive field back this year, the gate could be even higher. Teams in the tourney include Dothan, Pleasant Home, Barbour, Counts, Whitefield Academy, Asheville, Northview, Daleville and Gulf Shores, and there can be little doubt that the action will be outstanding from the opening tip to the final buzzer. All true high school basketball fans have to mark their calendars and make a trip over to Dothan to see some of the action at this great tournament.

\*\*\* Okay, now on to Coach Fran. My dad told me years ago as I headed off into the world that loyalty doesn't put food on the table or clothes on your kids' backs, and from that viewpoint I don't blame former Alabama Coach Dennis Franchione for heading off to Texas A & M. However, I agree with columnist Paul Finebaum when he wrote last week that the coach's departure "could have been done with a modicum of class." Finebaum wrote that the former Bama coach handled the situation with the "guise of a cat burglar, the ego of Bill Clinton and the morals of a French Quarter cocotte," and nothing could be more true. Franchione met with his players after the Tide was put on probation and conned them into believing that they should all stick together and work through the NCAA punishments to put the Alabama program back on top. Well, at least the players were listening, because Coach Fran didn't hear a word of what he was saying. The coach denied until the last day on the job that he was interested in leaving for Texas A & M, and that too had to be a con job, since multi-million dollar positions aren't handed out in one hour meetings. Alabama played football before Franchione arrived and it will play football now that he has left, and I have a gut feeling that this time the Tide will rise even higher. Coach Fran - good riddance!

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## Close out winless week on court

## Tigers tripped up by Gamecocks 52-48

The Elba Tigers closed out a winless week on the court Saturday night, with a hard fought 52-48 loss to New Brockton Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-3 record on the young season, while the Gamecocks improved to 4-2 with the win.

Elba pulled ahead early behind the inside scoring of Marchello Reed and owned an 8-4 advantage with 4:11 remaining in the opening stanza after a driving lay up by LaRay Williams. However, the Gamecocks' LaNorris Smith began to heat up from inside early in the second quarter and helped the Tigers pull within 18-12 with 6:17 remaining, and Elba hung close throughout the opening minutes of the quarter as a basket by Brandon Kelley, with 3:55 left, cut the Brockton lead to 21-16. New Brockton answered the mild Elba rally with another rally of its own; however, as the Gamecocks went on a 10-0 tear to open up a 31-16 lead with 5:54 remaining in the half, Elba's Bart Barnes hit a short jumper with 3:17 left and Kyle English nailed a long three-pointer at the buzzer to revive the struggling Tiger offense, but at intermission Elba went in on the short

end of a 33-21 score. A driving lay up by Kyle English early in the third quarter helped the Tigers close to within 33-24, but the Gamecocks again answered the Tiger rally and behind the scoring punch of Donnell Foster moved back on top 37-24 with 4:38 remaining in the stanza. A short jumper by Marchello Reed and an inside basket by LaRay Williams helped Elba get back within nine at 37-28 midway through the quarter, while Bart Barnes connected on a three-pointer late as the Tigers pulled within 42-35 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Gamecocks upped their lead to 43-35 early in the final stanza on a free-throw by Randy Danford. However, the Tigers were ready to rally, and led by the inside scoring of Marchello Reed and a driving lay up by Kyle English, scored six straight points to pull within 43-41 with 6:26 left on the clock. Reed drew his fifth foul with 5:23 remaining, but the Tigers refused to quit and sparked by the play of freshmen Brandon Kelley and LaRay Williams cut the Gamecocks lead to 44-43 with 4:17 left in the game. Freshman Brandy Kelley scored from in close with 3:33 left to give Elba a 45-44 lead, but the Gamecocks went into a semi-stall after losing the lead and regained the lead at 46-45 at the free-throw line when Travis Slawson hit both ends of a two shot foul with 2:27 remaining. Donnell Foster and Slawson added four additional points from the line later in the quarter as the Gamecocks increased their lead to 52-45 with 1:31 left, and a late three-pointer by Brandon Kelley wasn't enough as the Tigers dropped the 52-48



Elba Tiger freshman LaRay Williams heads up court in Saturday's 52-48 loss to New Brockton. The Tigers will return to action today (Thursday) in the opening round of the Andalusia Christmas Tournament at 4:00 against Enterprise.

decision on the road. Marchello Reed scored 15 points to lead Elba, while LaRay Williams added 8. LaNorris Smith led the Gamecocks with 15 points. The Gamecocks missed 19 free-throws in the game, but still won the contest at the free-throw line as they hit 18 of 37, compared to 3 of 9 for the line for the Tigers.

NB 18 15 9 10 - 52  
EL 10 11 14 13 - 48

N.B. (52): Williams, 5, Danford, 6, Slawson, 8, D. Foster, 9, R. Foster, 2, Smith, 15, Parrish, 7.  
Elba (48): English, 7, B. Kelley, 7, Barnes, 7, Ry, Kelley, 4, Reed, 15, Williams, 8.

## Elba Tigers drop season opening contests to Opp and Enterprise

The Elba Tigers opened their basketball season last week and found a win hard to come by in early-season action. They fell to the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 38-21 and to the Opp Bobcats 49-35, and the Enterprise Wildcats 49-35 to fall to 0-2 on the young season.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

OPP 58  
ELBA 48

The Elba Tigers tipped off the season on Tuesday night in Opp and saw the Bobcats pull away late to claim a 58-48 win. Elba found success early on inside as Quinton Gavin scored 8 first quarter points to lead the Tigers to a 13-14 lead. However, while the Tigers connected on 7 of 8 free-throws in the second stanza, they added only three baskets from the field, and watched as Opp slipped in from 30-27 by the end of the half. Elba managed only one basket in the third quarter as the Bobcats increased their lead to 36-32, and the Tigers saw a late rally fall short despite a pair of late three-pointers by Marcus Henderson as they dropped their season opener 58-48 on the road in Opp.

Marcus Henderson scored 18 points to lead Elba, while Kyle English added 12 and Quinton Gavin scored 11. Mullins led Opp with 16 points.

## HIGH SCHOOL &amp; JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

## THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Andalusia Christmas Tournament:  
Elba vs. Enterprise (4:00)  
New Brockton vs. Pleasant Home (7:00)  
Brantley at Elba (4:00) Varsity Girls  
Kinston Jr. at Slocumb (5:00) 9G-8B

## MONDAY, DEC. 16

Straughta at Kinston (5:00) JV-VG-VB  
New Brockton at Samson (4:30) JV-VG-VB  
Enterprise Jr. at Elba Jr. (5:00) 8G-8B-9G  
Opp at Kinston Jr. (3:00) 8G-8B

## TUESDAY, DEC. 17

Elba at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

JV - Junior Varsity VG - Varsity Girls  
VB - Varsity Boys

## Elba Tigers tip off today in 36th Andalusia Christmas Tournament

The 36th annual Andalusia Christmas Tournament will tip off this week at the Andalusia High School gym and included in this year's eight-team event are the Elba Tigers. "We felt like we needed to compete in as many holiday tournaments as possible this season due to the youth and inexperience of the team," stated Elba's Coach Karl Bledsoe, "and this is a very good tournament to be a part of. We didn't get an easy draw by having to open up with 6A Enterprise, but we played pretty well against them last week and believe that if we can improve we will have a shot at pulling off the upset. We can only get better by playing, and that is why we are looking forward to the tournament in Andalusia!"

Following is the tournament schedule:

## THURSDAY, DEC. 12

4:00 - (Game 1) Elba vs. Enterprise  
5:30 - (Game 2) Greenville vs. Brantley  
7:00 - (Game 3) Pleasant Home vs. New Brockton  
8:30 - (Game 4) Andalusia vs. Straughta

## FRIDAY, DEC. 13

6:00 - (Game 5) Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner  
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## SPORTS

## Grab first win of young season

## Lady Tigers rally past New Brockton 46-41

The Elba Lady Tigers posted their first win of the young season Saturday night by defeating the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks 46-41, in New Brockton.

The win upped the Lady Tigers' record to 1-3, while the loss left New Brockton with a 2-4 slate.

Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by

## Elba Lady Tigers fall to 0-3 with losses to Opp and Enterprise

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court twice last week and saw their early-season losing streak reach three games as they fell to Opp 42-15 and Enterprise 46-42.

Following are highlights of both games:

## OPP 42

## ELBA 35

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Opp last Tuesday night and came home with an 0-2 record after suffering a 42-35 defeat to the Opp Lady Bobcats. The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 13-5 after one quarter of play, but rallied in the second stanza behind the long range shooting of Shay Thigpen and LaGina Mack to cut the deficit to 18-14 by the end of the half. Elba cut into the Opp lead even more in the third quarter and trailed only 25-22 heading into the final stanza, but saw the Lady Bobcats regain command in the final eight minutes and pull away for the 42-35 win.

Danae Ware scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Trinity Osborn scored 13 and Ashley Mack added 12 for Opp.

Opp (42): Crittenden, 9, Birge, 2, Musgrove, 2, Osborn, 13, Wood, 4, Mack, 12.

Elba (35): Lawford, 2, Proctor, 4, Thigpen, 5, Mack, 8, Ware, 15, Gibson, 1.

## ENTERPRISE 46

## ELBA 42

The Elba Lady Tigers battled the 6A Enterprise Lady Wildcats at the Elba gym on Thursday night and connected on only 22 of 52 free-throws in a tough 46-42 defeat. The Lady Tigers surprised their 6A neighbors early on and opened up a 24-17 halftime advantage, but failed to take advantage of their free-throw opportunities in the second half and hit only 9 of 20 shots from the foul line in the final stanza to allow Enterprise to rally and escape with the narrow 46-42 win.

Ayonna Proctor and LaGina Mack both scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Jessica Robinson scored 12 points and LaShundra Thomas added 10 for Enterprise.

E'prise (46): Rodgers, 2, Jennings, 2, Chambers, 7, Butler, 2, L. Thomas, 10, S. Thomas, 8, Moody, 4, Robinson, 12.

Elba (42): Lawford, 2, Proctor, 12, Thigpen, 2, Mack, 12, Hill, 2, Ware, 4, Gibson, 1, Reynolds, 2.

## High School Roundball Roundup

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs rally past Straughta 37-29

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs staged a furious second half rally last Monday night to defeat the Straughta Lady Tigers 37-29, in Straughta. The Lady Bulldogs trailed 19-12 at the half, but outscored Straughta 20-8 in the third quarter to grab a 32-27 lead and then held on in the final stanza to escape with the 37-29 win. Samantha Wambles scored 11 points to lead (2-2) Kinston, while Elizabeth Harris added 9 and Bridgette Marlowe scored 6. Ashley Turner scored 13 points to lead Straughta and Courtney McLelland added 10.

## New Brockton Gamecocks dump Luverne 51-47

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 16-point first half lead vanish and had to fight until the final horn to get past the Luverne Tigers 51-47, last Tuesday night in New Brockton. The Gamecocks jumped ahead 26-10 in the second quarter and appeared to be headed for an easy win, but saw Luverne rally to pull even at 42-42 and had to regain command late to claim the exciting 51-47 win. Rishawn Foster scored 17 points to lead (3-2) New Brockton, while Jonathan Hart added 12. Malone Mitchell led Luverne with 17 points.

## Lady Gamecocks upset by Luverne Lady Tigers 35-30

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw Luverne rally in the second half as they fell to the Lady Tigers 35-30, in New Brockton. Rena Donaldson scored 11 points to lead the (2-3) Lady Gamecocks, while Renita Lawson added 9. Camesha Henry scored 8 points to lead Luverne.

## New Brockton falls hard to G.W. Long 65-40

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in a 65-40 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Donnell Foster scored 14 points and Rishawn Foster added 10 to lead the (3-3) Gamecocks, while Fred Grubbs scored 17 points to lead the (5-1) Rebels.

## Lady Gamecocks tripped up by G.W. Long 55-45

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled until the final buzzer before falling to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels 55-45, Friday night in Skipperville. Rena Donaldson scored 22 points to lead (2-4) New Brockton, while Shannon Newman poured in 30 points to lead (5-0) G.W. Long.

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs surprise Florida 57-54

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to their fourth straight win of the young season Friday night by defeating the Florida Lady Wildcats 57-54, in Kinston. Brittany Hunko scored 19 points and Megan King added 12 to lead the (4-3) Lady Bulldogs, while Brittany Carson scored 17 to lead Florida.

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Shay Thigpen and owned an 11-6 advantage with 2:49 left in the opening stanza after a three-pointer by LaGina Mack, only to see the Lady Gamecocks rally behind the scoring of Yameka Hall to close out the quarter with a 7-0 run as New Brockton grabbed a 13-11 advantage.

New Brockton's lead grew to 17-11 early in the second quarter on a basket by Connie Brown, but the Lady Tigers staged a mild rally and cut the lead to 17-15 with 6:32 left in the stanza on a steal and lay up by Ayonna Proctor. New Brockton regained command midway through the stanza and moved on top 23-15 with 2:44 remaining on a short jumper by Maressa Loman, and the Lady Gamecocks turned back a late Lady Tiger rally to carry a 25-19 lead at intermission.

A long three-pointer by LaGina Mack cut the New Brockton lead to 25-22 early in the third quarter, while another Elba three-pointer and a put back by Ashley Gibson helped Elba catch the Lady Gamecocks at 27-27 with 5:44 left in the quarter. Maressa Loman scored from inside with 3:30 left to put Brockton back on top 31-29. However, the Lady Gamecocks failed to score for the rest of the quarter, and when the Lady Tigers' Danae Ware scored with 1:55 remaining, Elba was back even at 31-31.

Elba's Ayonna Proctor scored five quick points early in the

fourth quarter to help the Lady Tigers grab a 36-33 lead, and when Shay Thigpen nailed a three-pointer with 4:09 remaining Elba had blown the game open by moving on top 45-34!

The Lady Gamecocks staged a rally of their own in the closing minutes and pulled within 45-41 on a three-pointer by Yameka Hall with 26 left on the clock. However, the Lady Tigers were able to kill the clock late and when LaGina Mack hit a free-throw with .03 remaining Elba locked up the win 46-41.

Ayonna Proctor and LaGina Mack both scored 12 points to lead Elba, while Maressa Loman scored 15 points to lead New Brockton and Connie Brown added 10.

EL 11 8 12 15 - 46  
NB 13 12 6 10 - 41

Elba (46): Lawford, 2, Proctor, 12, Mack, 12, Thigpen, 8, Ware, 6, Gibson, 4, Reynolds, 2.  
N.B. (41): Brown, 10, Lawson, 8, Hall, 8, Loman, 15.

## Elba Junior High Tigers struggle in losses to Opp and Geneva

The Elba Junior High Tigers hit the court twice last week and found the going a little too tough as both the 7th grade and 8th grade Tigers suffered two defeats.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## 8TH GRADE

## GENEVA 51

## ELBA 30

The Elba 8th grade Tigers fell behind early and never recovered a 51-30 loss to the Geneva Panthers. The Tigers trailed 15-4 after one quarter of play, and then watched as Geneva rolled to the big 51-30 win. Jimmy Morris scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Danner, 14, Bryant, 8, Yarbrough, 11, Weary, 2, Scott, 6, Davis, 2, Adams, 6, Robinson, 2.

Elba (30): Morris, 14, Jackson, 2, Carpenter, 8, Parks, 4.

## OPP 31

## ELBA 10

The Elba 7th grade Tigers scored only one point in the second half as the Opp Bobcats pulled away to claim a big 31-10 win, in Opp. The Tigers battled the Bobcats on even terms in the opening stanza and trailed only 11-8 at the half, but lost their way to the basket in the second half and saw the Bobcats pull away and post the 31-10 win. Graham Morrow scored 4 points to lead Elba, while Jones and Linton both scored 6 points for Opp.

Opp (31): Jones, 6, Linton, 6, Lane, 2, Wilson, 4, Inman, 2, Matthews, 4, Pierce, 2, Hall, 5.

Elba (10): Gibson, 2, Morris, 3, Morrow, 4, Hammond, 1.

Opp (33): Jones, 6, Barnes, 14,

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Elba Lady Tiger head coach Leroy Carnley talks with his team during Saturday night's win over New Brockton. The Lady Tigers snapped a three-game losing streak with the big win.

## Elba Tiger JV grabs first win of season over New Brockton 51-35

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers hit the court three nights last week and came away with one win to close out the opening week of action with a 1-2 record.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## OPP 39

## ELBA 34

The Elba Tiger JV opened the season last Tuesday night in Opp and saw the Bobcats rally late to pull out an exciting 39-34 win. Elba came out ready to play and opened up a 9-0 lead in the opening stanza, only to see the Bobcats take charge in the second quarter and rally to pull even at 14-14 by the end of the half. The Tigers regained the lead at 26-25 in the third quarter, but hit only 2 of 11 free-throws in the second half and watched as Opp rallied late to claim the 39-34 win.

Brandy Kelley and Lewis Johnson both scored 10 points to lead Elba, while McDaniel led Opp with 13 points.

Opp (39): Hines, 5, Logan, 6, McDaniel, 13, Jones, 6, Henderson, 2, Smith, 11.

Elba (34): Skinner, 2, Gulley, 6, Kelley, 10, Burks, 2, Rogers, 4, Johnson, 10.

ENTERPRISE 45

## ELBA 22

The Elba Tiger JV fell behind early and never recovered in a 45-22 loss to the Enterprise Wildcats. The Tigers trailed 13-

4 after one quarter and saw the Wildcats extend their lead to 43-13 by the end of the third quarter as Enterprise rolled to the easy win.

Brandy Kelley scored 6 points to lead Elba, while Mann led Enterprise with 10 points.

E'prise (45): Williams, 2, Kirkland, 3, Collins, 5, Carter, 2, Mann, 10, Townsend, 5, Couch, 4, Dunlap, 8, Morgan, 2, Stephenson, 4.

Elba (22): Sutley, 4, Skinner, 4, Gulley, 4, Kelley, 6, Burks, 2, Foushee, 2.

ELBA 51

## N.B. 35

The Elba Tiger JV posted their first win of the young season on Saturday night by downing the New Brockton Gamecocks 51-35, in New Brockton. The Tigers took command early and opened up a 13-7 first quarter advantage, only to see the Gamecocks rally and cut the lead to 24-19 by the end of the half. Elba pulled out to a 39-26 lead in the third quarter and then pulled away to post the big 51-35 win.

Stefaan Burks scored 16 points and Clark Skinner added 11 to lead Elba, while Channon Stuckey scored 17 points for the Gamecocks.

Elba (51): Sutley, 7, Skinner, 11, Carr, 2, Burks, 16, Cooks, 5, Allen, 5, Foushee, 2.

N.B. (35): Perry, 7, Stuckey, 17, Lee, 3, Andrews, 8.



Elba JV Tiger Clark Skinner (5) passes to a teammate in last week's big 51-35 win over New Brockton. The win was the first of the season for the Tigers.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
HENRY F. WALKER & STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY

**Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**CHRISTOPHER C. CARTER & NANCY CARTER, Defendants.**

**Case No.:** DV-2002-29

In this cause it is made to appear to the Court by the affidavit of Henry F. Walker and State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company, Plaintiff, that Christopher C. Carter and Nancy Carter, Defendants, are either a nonresident of the State of Alabama, whose residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort, or being a resident, either their residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained after reasonable effort, or they have been absent from the state for more than 30 days since the filing of the complaint in this cause, or they conceal themselves so that process cannot be served upon them and further, that defendants are over the age of nineteen years.

It is, therefore, ordered by the Court that publication be made in The Elba Clipper, a newspaper published in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama, for four consecutive weeks, and the said defendants are hereby notified of the issuance of said summons and complaint, and to be and appear if they think proper to defend this complaint within fourteen (14) days after this notice by publication is completed.

Witness in my hand this 18 day of November, 2002.

**/s/ James M. Counts**  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Coffee County, Alabama

11/21, 12/5, 12/5, 12/5 chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**ELBA DIVISION**  
**IN RE: The Estate of Mary W. Youngblood**  
**CASE NO. PC-2002-66**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OR WILL**  
TO: Mr. Charlie White, et al.  
Address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on the 5th day of November 2002, Betty J. Youngblood filed her sworn petition for the probate of the Last Will and Testament of Mary W. Youngblood, who deceased September 2, 2002. A resident citizen of Coffee County, Alabama. A hearing on said petition is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on December 31, 2002 at the Coffee County Probate Office in Elba, Alabama. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**DATED:** this 25th of November, 2002  
**William O. Gammill**  
**Probate Judge**  
11/28, 12/5, 12/12 chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHANE V. BULLARD, DECEASED**  
**CASE NO. PC-02-68**  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR**

Letters Testamentary under the Will of said deceased having been granted to Freida D. Bullard on the 25th day of November, 2002, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**/s/ Freida D. Bullard**  
Personal Representative  
William O. Gammill, Probate Judge  
11/28, 12/5, 12/12 pd.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER: 11252002**  
**ORDINANCE POSSESSING OPEN CONTAINERS OR CONSUMING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Elba as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess open containers of alcoholic beverages, or consume any alcoholic beverage while upon or along any public street, road or highway in the City or in any public place, except on the premises of a business duly licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-

premises consumption. This Ordinance was considered by unanimous consent at the regular City Council Meeting on the 25th day of November, 2002 and was adopted and approved on the 25th day of November, 2002.

**6 Votes in favor**  
**0 Votes in opposition**

**/s/ James E. Grimes**  
**JAMES GRIMES**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
**/s/ Wayne Grantham**  
City Clerk  
12-5-12chg

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Grady Ralls & Sons, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of construction of the City of Elba for construction of Project BR-0484(005) in Coffee County, Alabama, for construction of four for four consecutive weeks beginning on 12/5/02 and ending on 12/26/02. All claims should be filed at HC 34 Box 138, Evergreen, AL 36041 during this period.

**GRADY RALLS & SONS, INC.**  
12-5-12, 19-26chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**ELBA DIVISION**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSEMARY WOODARD**  
**CASE NO. PC-02-67**  
**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED**

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of December, 2002, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**/s/ Linda Mills**  
Linda Mills  
Personal Representative

**/s/ Betty Sue Chandler**  
Betty Sue Chandler  
Personal Representative  
12-5-12, 19-26chg

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**  
Please take notice that Nalley's Towing Service whose address is 24857 Hwy 87, Elba, AL 36323 will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, or otherwise dispose of, an abandoned motor vehicle. The vehicle was abandoned on the property of Nalley's approximately 9-13-02 and the name and/or residence of the owner is unknown. The vehicle is a Dodge Ram and the serial number is 387HC12V0XG15693 and model year is 1999.

The sale will be held at Nalley's on or after 10:00 AM on December 27, 2002.

The seller shall have a right to reject any bid. The Seller reserves the right to bid and purchase the vehicle at or otherwise dispose of the vehicle.

12-12, 19-26chg.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

**A HONOR ROLL**  
**FIRST GRADE:** Cody Brandon Caldwell, Kianna Lashae Carpenter, John Nathan Dunaway, Daniel Ryan Everhart, Alzie Renee Flowers, Abigail Nicole Haggard, Sara Abigail Hancock, Taylor Lynn Hataway, Sara Elizabeth Hawkins, Issac Taylor Hutchison, Shadey Bron Melvin, Kaley Alice Moore, Daisy Nicole Shelton, Cassie Marie Stephenson, Corryne Lenay Streeter, Sydney Nicholette Thomas, Grady Clarke Whitaker and Deanna Christian Williams.

**SECOND GRADE:** Robyn LeShae Adkison, Ashlee Regene Allen, Emily Joye Anderson, Alyssa Faith Taylor, Nathaniel Ray Credille, Payton Lynn Edberg, Austin Daniel Green, Courtney Alexis Hall, Garrett Bobby Harrison, Logan Blake Harrison, Taylor Elizabeth Hudson, Katelyn Savannah Hutto, Jamantha Nicole Lee, Christine Leigh Lindsey, Brittany Ann Magwood, Robert Dustin McWaters, Zackary Ryan Miller, Hanna Elizabeth Pearson, Taylor Michelle Pearson, Amy Denise Silas, Stanley Kyle Tupper, Chadshy Leighanne Wallace, Jesse Alexander Watson and Stephen John Welch.

**THIRD GRADE:** Shelby Kendall Adkins, Claire Elizabeth Bailey, Amber Renae Barnett, Ryan Patrick Boop, Sloan Nicole Cotter, Savannah Elizabeth Ellis, Lindsey Joann Foster, Jenna Nichole Freese, Abby Elise Gatlin, Coy Chris Dion Green, Sanh Duong Herbert, Laken Louise Hornsby, Kimberly Maxine Stephenson, Taten Brent Swanson, Bethne Lenora Walden and Tyler Lee Bloodworth Whitley.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Whitney Renee Brandley, Alyssa Danielle Brown, Aubrey Anna Hawkins, Brandon Michelle Hendrix, Chesley Nicole Holloway, Meagan Evonne Jones and Steven Grady Smith.

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**SIXTH GRADE:** Jeremiah Tyrl Barefoot, Chelsea Ann Dempsey, Brittany Kaye Bubanks, Maranda Lea Foust, Erica Louise Locklin, Jessica Lauren Parrish, Clarissa Jane Pynes and Anna Elizabeth Sawyer.

**A-B HONOR ROLL**  
**FIRST GRADE:** Triston Dee Monroe Brust, Gwenivere Anastasia Hendley, Lakia Matteah Melinda Jones-Pitt, Elizabeth Mae Kilpatrick, Brian Scott Massey, Jr., Harlie McDumort, Rodney James Miller, Marquise Lee Neal, Jaelyn Teric Newson, Keenan Spencer, Jr., Alycia Kristian Spivey, Skylar Brooke Tice, Kendal Tavalas, Matthew Thomas Waters, Jr., SECOND GRADE: Jawana Denien Adams, Aubrey Keith Bryant, Dylan Reed Kallie, Kaitlyn Nicole Corbett, Marcus Eugene Culver, Thomas Ashley Davis, Christian Matthew Gaskill, David Allen Galloway, Michelle Ann Grantham, Steven Ray Houck, Jr., Brooklyn Michelle Aerona Kersey, Ashley Nicole Kilpatrick, Megan Brianna Massey, James Carlos Windel, Mc Kenzie, Lindsey Renee Moore, Ashleigh Louise Pickett, Eihan Parker Riley, Joseph Robert Eli Senn, Emily Hannah Smith, Brittany Michelle Sutley, Robert E. Watley, Jr., Ryan Jay Watson and Heather Nicole Weeks.

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**WEED CONTROL FOR WINTER GRASSES**  
Sten Windham  
County Extension Agent

ryegrass. The label for Amine reads as follows. Controls winter broadleaf weeds such as wild mustard. Apply from late October to early March. Apply after rains are tilled with five or more leaves and are 5 to 8 inches tall. DO NOT exceed 1 pint per acre on oats. Do NOT apply before the fully tilled stage or from early boot through the milk stage. Treatment can be applied with the grain in the dough stage to control weeds that will interfere with harvest. Use the high rate ONLY where some crop injury can be tolerated.

If your animals are able to graze the forage I would not treat unless there are areas that are being possibly shaded out by weeds. In fact shading would be the main reason to treat.

Many times good fertility, shorter days, and cooler temperatures will suppress weed growth and these same conditions accelerate winter grass growth. Therefore, spraying a weed killer would not be cost effective.

Use your own judgement as to whether spraying is practical or not. Most winter grass will be ready for grazing at 6-8" tall.

NOTE: Do not use 2,4-D Amine on clover pasture or any other broadleaf forage crop. Also, READ THE LABEL.

**AAA urges motorist to protect their automotive investment with annual maintenance and safety inspection**

With a typical family spending 15 percent or more of its annual household budget on motor vehicle-related expenses, AAA is urging motorists to protect their automotive investment with an annual maintenance and safety inspection during AAA Car Care Month.

The average annual cost of owning and operating a new car is estimated to be \$7,533, according to AAA's 2002 "Your Driving Costs" brochure. This is nearly 15 percent of the average family's annual income of \$54,000, as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"It's easy to help safeguard this large part of the family budget and protect against hazardous breakdowns," said John Pate, senior service specialist for the AAR program in Alabama. "Motorists with an appointment will usually need no more than 15 minutes to have their vehicle looked at by a professional technician. A profes-

sional can quickly determine if any maintenance or repairs have been overlooked and need to be performed."

Pate said a complete inspection should include the following:

1. Check all fluid levels, vehicle lights and belts and hoses. Refill, replace or adjust as necessary.

2. Inspect and replace wiper blades if they are more than six months old.

3. A look at the level and condition of the oil. Change the oil if it has been more than 5,000 miles since the last re-lubrication. Older vehicles will require more frequent oil changes.

4. Check the coolant. Flush and refill engine coolant if it has been more than three years since the last coolant change.

5. Inspect tires regardless of vehicle age or mileage for wear and under-inflation, and check brakes if the vehicle has more than 30,000 miles on the odometer or it has been more than 30,000 miles since the last brake job.

"A good place to learn about maintaining a vehicle is as near as the glove compartment," Pate said. "For specific maintenance information about the vehicle you drive, there is no more authoritative source."

**Deadline set to sign-up for livestock compensation program**

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency has announced that sign-up for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) for cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo producers will end on December 13, 2002.

The LCP is now available to livestock producers in all 67 counties. Eligible livestock producers should apply for LCP benefits at the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office by the deadline date.

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2000 F-250 SUPERCAB XLT  
 2w drive - v-10 automatic - local trade



2001 CAMRY LE  
 sharp car - only 31,000 miles



1990 FORD BRONCO - Eddie Bauer - hunter special



1992 CHEVY CAVILIER - 4 dr - AT-4 - great on gas



1993 CHEV S-10 BLAZIER - 5 speed - V6



1992 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER - sharp - very clean - AT-6



1993 BUICK REGAL - leather - loaded - extra clean - great buy



2001 TAHOE LS - w/leather - only 22,000 miles



1998 CHEV Z-71 EX CAB - only 61,000 miles



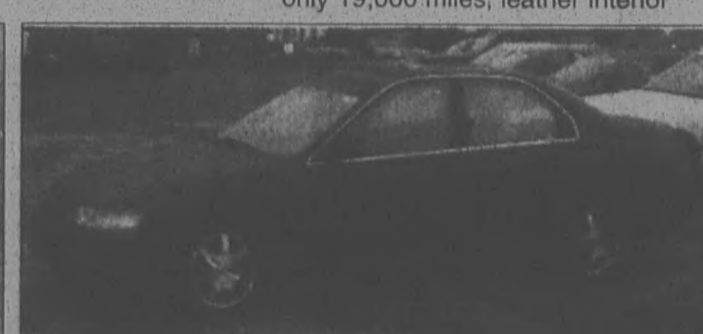
2002 BUICK REGAL LS  
 only 19,000 miles, leather interior



1999 CHEVROLET BLAZER LS  
 only 63,000 miles, local trade



2002 VENTURE VAN LS - 4 dr - low mileage



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Elba's 2002 Christmas Family

The Tim Jackson family  
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 Timothy, age 14  
 Michael, age 12 and  
 Isabella, age 2